

Cheshire West & Chester Council

# Budget Book 2023-24



Cheshire West  
and Chester

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## Introduction

The Council's Budget Book provides detailed information and analysis of Services' 2023-24 budgets and provides details of how and where we will spend money over the coming twelve months to turn the Council's priorities into reality on a service by service basis. The budget is aligned to the priorities set out in the Council Plan 2021-25.

This budget and the resulting council tax were agreed at a meeting of full Council on 16 February 2023 and have since been allocated down to the individual managers within the organisation. A copy of the Budget Report can be found on the Council's website.

The supporting tables which follow, set out the overall Council budget, analysing the expenditure plans by area of activity and the nature of costs incurred and income generated. These tables also contain a summary of the policy proposals agreed by Council and details of the Council's capital budget.

The final section of the Budget Book contains service by service summaries setting out the budget that each Director will be responsible for managing during 2023-24.

The Budget Book represents the first stage of the budget monitoring process for 2023-24 and while the budgets contained may be updated during the year in response to changing circumstances, or the availability of new funding, they will remain a yardstick against which the Council will measure its financial performance over the year.

**Debbie Hall**



## Summary Revenue Budget

Directorate	Pay £000	Non-Pay £000	Income £000	Net Budget £000
<b>Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>				
Commissioning, Contracts & Quality	2,372	8,175	(5,360)	5,187
Integrated Adult Social Care & Health (including health)	15,664	172,465	(63,447)	124,682
VIVO Care Choices	12,832	1,073	(329)	13,576
Public Health	1,642	19,062	(2,995)	17,709
	<b>32,510</b>	<b>200,775</b>	<b>(72,131)</b>	<b>161,154</b>
<b>Children &amp; Families</b>				
Children's Social Care	18,956	40,406	(2,798)	56,564
Education (including DSG)	11,339	283,696	(276,999)	18,036
Early Help & Prevention	5,146	2,722	(3,673)	4,195
	<b>35,441</b>	<b>326,824</b>	<b>(283,470)</b>	<b>78,795</b>
<b>Communities, Environment &amp; Economy</b>				
Commercial Management & Delivery	3,454	8,091	(4,401)	7,144
Environment & Communities	20,402	30,424	(16,042)	34,784
Highways & Transport	7,587	24,946	(16,946)	15,587
Economy & Housing	10,678	8,169	(10,587)	8,260
Commercial Developments	74	9,181	(16,400)	(7,145)
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)		25,252	(25,252)	-
	<b>42,195</b>	<b>106,063</b>	<b>(89,628)</b>	<b>58,630</b>
<b>Corporate Services</b>				
Finance	13,521	3,349	(8,316)	8,554
Governance & Chief Executive	6,508	1,986	(1,254)	7,240
Public Service Reform	7,280	6,658	(3,177)	10,761
Corporate Budgets	650	102,354	(96,407)	6,597
	<b>27,959</b>	<b>114,347</b>	<b>(109,154)</b>	<b>33,152</b>
<b>Council wide</b>				
Central budgets	-	9,489	-	9,489
Contingency budget	-	19,485	-	19,485
Capital financing budget	-	28,334	(5,075)	23,259
	<b>0</b>	<b>57,308</b>	<b>(5,075)</b>	<b>52,233</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>138,105</b>	<b>805,317</b>	<b>(559,458)</b>	<b>383,964</b>
<b>Funding</b>				
Government grants				(65,932)
Business rates				(68,237)
Council tax				(228,934)
Collection fund surplus				(6,372)
Use of reserves				(14,489)
<b>Total Funding</b>				<b>(383,964)</b>

<b>Subjective Analysis</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£000</b>
Employees	138,105
Premises	16,089
Transport	32,115
Supplies and services	162,409
Payments to service providers	350,148
Schools expenditure	198,710
Capital financing costs	45,141
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>942,717</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>£000</b>
Grants	344,547
Customer and Client Receipts	96,221
Reimbursements and contributions	41,855
Internal recharges	48,688
Business rates	68,237
Council tax	328,680
Use of reserves	14,489
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>942,717</b>

## Workforce Estimates

Directorate	FTEs Apr-23	Pay Budget 2023-24 £000
<b>Adult Social Care and Health</b>		
Commissioning, Contracts & Quality	39.9	2,372
Integrated Adult Social Care & Health	347.7	15,664
VIVO Care Choices	367.5	12,832
Public Health	17.4	1,642
	<b>772.5</b>	<b>32,510</b>
<b>Children and Families</b>		
Children's Social Care	440.3	18,956
Education	148.9	11,339
Early Help & Prevention	120.3	5,146
	<b>709.5</b>	<b>35,441</b>
<b>Communities, Environment &amp; Economy</b>		
Commercial Management & Delivery	73.7	3,454
Environment & Communities	568.4	20,402
Highways & Transport	175.4	7,587
Economy & Housing	288.1	10,678
Commercial Developments	0.0	74
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	0.0	0
	<b>1,105.6</b>	<b>42,195</b>
<b>Corporate</b>		
Finance	309.8	13,521
Governance & Chief Executive	114.7	6,508
Public Service Reform	129.6	7,280
Corporate Budgets	2.0	650
	<b>556.1</b>	<b>27,959</b>
<b>Total Pay Budget</b>	<b>3,143.7</b>	<b>138,105</b>

**Revenue Budget Proposals 2023-24**

Title	Description	23-24 £000
<b>Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>		
<b>Commissioning, Contracts &amp; Quality - People</b>		
<b>Savings</b>		
Review of Independent Transfer of Care Coordinator Provision	Reviewing Independent Transfer of Care Co-ordinator contract to ensure it is better aligned to optimum practices for hospital discharge processes.	(8)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(434)
<b>Investment</b>		
Commissioning Staff Growth	Existing temporary post to be made permanent to deliver commissioning priorities.	53
Day Services Review (Invest to Save)	Temporary investment in commissioning resource to support the review of the day services offer across both the Older People and Learning Disability cohorts, reviewing usage of the current offer and developing a new Day Services plan co-designed with service users and providers. This falls out in 2025-26.	53
<b>Total Savings Commissioning, Contracts &amp; Quality - People</b>		<b>(442)</b>
<b>Total Investment Commissioning, Contracts &amp; Quality - People</b>		<b>106</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Commissioning, Contracts &amp; Quality - People</b>		<b>(336)</b>
<b>Integrated Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	Ensuring use of the DFG is maximised to fund all eligible expenditure in relation to our Home Improvement Agency, Community Equipment and Technology Enabled Care contracts to deliver equipment and adaptations for disabled people. This includes temp funding from the DFG reserve balance, which falls out in 2024-25.	(1,170)
Reablement and Occupational Therapy first	Programmes to reduce the need for care at home. This includes delivering on our Community Led Support programme and developing both a community focused reablement service and enhanced Occupational Therapy first approach.	(215)
Day Services Review (Savings - Invest to Save)	Developing a new day opportunities strategy for older people and people with a learning disability, co-designed with people who draw on services and carers to ensure our day opportunities offers meet their needs and aspirations.	(254)
Transitions Growth Mitigation	Opportunity to reduce growth in transitions budget through investing in an autism intervention service and a focus on increasing the independence of young people with disabilities from age 14+ – focusing on skills development and building confidence.	(18)
Mental Health Savings - High cost package review	Review of high-cost packages of support and out-of-borough placements in Mental Health, looking at opportunities to ensure people are having their needs met in the most cost effective way and to support more people in borough where appropriate.	(22)
Extra Care Housing Facility	Ensuring commissioned care arrangements at the Hallwood Court extra care facility are in line with residents' needs.	(21)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(4,130)
<b>Investment</b>		
Growth in Older People's demand	Reflects expected demographic growth and increased complexity in older people services, based on trends seen during the past seven years.	7,642
Mental Health Growth	Individual package of care costs for those with mental health needs have increased significantly with more presentations around eating disorders, self-neglect and alcohol misuse and self-injurious behaviours requiring higher levels of support and longer-term packages of care.	1,473
Care Contract Inflation	Funding to ensure that rates paid to providers of social care are reviewed each year to reflect pay and non-pay inflationary rises, in order to support a sustainable social care market.	11,027
Growth in demand and complexity for Adults with a Learning Disability	Further funding is required to meet the increasing demand and complexity of need of adults with a learning disability and / or autism. We have identified that more can be done to plan and support young people as they transition from children's to adult's services and we are investing in additional staff to improve transition and to better manage costs.	4,017
Expanding the range of social care support available (Investment)	Extend more choice to people in how their care and support needs can be met through an expansion of the Shared Lives service.	57
<b>Total Savings Integrated Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>		<b>(5,830)</b>
<b>Total Investment Integrated Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>		<b>24,216</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Integrated Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>		<b>18,386</b>



<b>Vivo</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Business Support Review	Review of all business support and administrative functions within Vivo, including contracts for services held by the company which are no longer required, following the successful integration of the service into the Council in April 2022.	(136)
Staff Rota management	Through a combination of effective staff rota management, staffing hours will be efficiently and flexibly managed to ensure that additional client referrals can be accommodated within existing staffing budgets. This will be implemented across all services (Respite, Day Services and Supported Living) to take on new referrals from social workers which would otherwise need to be commissioned from the external market.	(100)
Autism Hub	The funding of support services delivered by the Autism Hub will continue and the existing committed funding for the delivery of support services remains. External funding to be secured to deliver pre and post autism diagnosis support from the Hub. The model will continue to build upon the current on-line offer and brand of the west Cheshire Autism Hub with the proposal is to move to a more mobile, roving community hub model with a weekly base at different locations across the borough to reach a wider audience.	(33)
Roodee Café	Move to a break-even basis for the trading arm of the Roodee café – through maximising charges to ensure full cost recovery, increased sales, streamlining staffing levels and reduce cost of sales as far as possible.	(26)
<b>Total Net Savings Vivo</b>		<b>(295)</b>
<b>Public Health</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Making best use of the Public Health Grant	Ensuring best use of the 2023-24 Public Health Grant to fund all eligible public health spend across the Council.	(328)
<b>Total Net Savings Public Health</b>		<b>(328)</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>		<b>17,427</b>

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Children &amp; Families</b>		
<b>Children's Social Care</b>		
<b>Savings</b>		
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(2,133)
<b>Investment</b>		
Children's Social Care growth	Investment to reflect significant increased cost of Children's Social Care as a result of both increased demand, complexity of cases and increases in the cost of residential provision.	8,407
Children's Social Care Staffing Growth	Over the last 4 years there has been a 30% increase in referrals to Children's Social Care. The investment is to increase social worker staffing in the service to meet increased caseload demand and complexity.	824
Children's Social Care Early Help and Prevention (Invest to Save)	Investment in Early Help and Prevention to reduce the number of children going into care and those that are in care from placement breakdown and escalating to more expensive placements. This will involve a whole system approach to early intervention including targeted family support, parenting programmes and support to schools.	250
Children in Care and Care Leavers Accommodation Strategy (Invest to Save)	Investment required to deliver accommodation strategy, predominantly investment in staff and accommodation costs required to open further in-house in borough residential provision and investment in new types of support including specialist foster carers.	1,425
Safeguarding Infants Programme - Corporate Grandparent Approach (Invest to Save)	Support those children who are in our care or have left our care up to the age of 24 years with their first child, by investing in family nurse partnership commissioned service with savings realised by preventing babies from entering care through care proceedings.	42
Safeguarding Infants Programme - Recurrent Care Proceedings (Invest to Save)	Supporting families who have experienced recurrent care proceedings by investing in family intervention workers to help and support parents as they work through instances related to domestic abuse, adult mental health and emotional wellbeing, court work, and assessment issues from re-entering the care system which will generate savings by preventing recurrent care proceedings.	218
Pinewood Plus (Invest to Save)	Invest to save proposal to expand the Pinewood offer to 16+. Pinewood provision operates overnight respite 4 nights per week providing a maximum of 3 beds. This proposal would build upon this high quality provision to focus on the development of independent living skills for 16+ and increase the respite capacity of Pinewood specifically for this age cohort. This would also create trading opportunities from 2025-26.	106
Safeguarding Unit Staffing	Additional Independent Reviewing Officer within the Safeguarding Unit due to the increased numbers and complexity of the children in our care and increasing caseloads.	72
<b>Total Savings Children's Social Care</b>		<b>(2,133)</b>
<b>Total Investment Children's Social Care</b>		<b>11,344</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Children's Social Care</b>		<b>9,211</b>



Education and Inclusion		23-24 £000
<b>Savings</b>		
Senior management structure	Savings arising from changes to the service management structure.	(34)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(413)
<b>Investment</b>		
Home to School Transport – Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Investment to manage the increasing demand and complexity in transport arrangements for eligible pupils with special educational needs.	1,922
Home to School Transport - Mainstream Growth	Investment to manage the increasing demand and cost in transport arrangements for eligible pupils in mainstream schools.	931
Growth in Education, Health & Care Plan demand	Investment in the Education and Inclusion Service to respond to the increased demand for Education Health and Care Plans.	130
Schools Funding	Additional funding required as a result of the phased removal of funding for historic commitments in the Central Schools Services Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant funding for local authority education services.	284
<b>Total Savings Education and Inclusion</b>		<b>(447)</b>
<b>Total Investment Education and Inclusion</b>		<b>3,267</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Education and Inclusion</b>		<b>2,820</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Children &amp; Families</b>		<b>12,031</b>

Title	Description	23-24 £000
<b>Communities, Environment and Economy</b>		
<b>Communities, Environment and Economy Directorate Wide</b>		
<b>Savings</b>		
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(500)
<b>Total Net Savings Communities, Environment and Economy Directorate Wide</b>		<b>(500)</b>
<b>Commercial Management &amp; Delivery</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Estate Rationalisation (Savings - Invest to save)	Reduce running costs of the Council's estate through rationalisation and more efficient use of better quality assets.	(100)
Qwest Contract Savings	A review of the specification for cleaning services across our operational buildings and realignment of income to reflect expected Qwest rebate in line with contract terms.	(200)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(432)
<b>Total Net Savings Commercial Management &amp; Delivery</b>		<b>(732)</b>
<b>Environment and Communities</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Reduction in cost of discounts for Green Bins	As part of the new waste strategy, the authority offers a £10 discount for full council tax reduction claimants and this discount will continue. Following a review the budget can be reduced in line with the current cost of the discounts.	(65)
Container Management policy	To charge for all bins / boxes replacements and green bin replacement, having full cost recovery for all bins from purchase to delivery.	(50)
Closed landfill sites	The Council has a reserve to cover costs relating to closed landfill sites. This proposal is to charge staff time and associated non pay costs to the reserve.	(54)
StreetCare Operations	Review of the StreetCare Service in order to facilitate specific service delivery requirements. In addition, a reduction in overtime and recovery of costs of additional demand generated by weekend events, to be recovered by recharging the event holder. This will enable focusing of the teams to ensure local communities are clean, green, and safe places to live and visit.	(214)
Parking Options for Residents	Review of parking charges, including residents parking schemes, to ensure appropriate and consistent charging across the Borough.	(63)
Library Services	Review and reimagine some library services with communities to ensure they are meeting local demand and maintaining sufficient service provision, whilst reducing costs.	(144)
Review of contributions to external bodies	Work with external cultural organisations to ensure services are aligned to community needs.	(5)
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charge points	Income generated by the use of EV charge points installed on Council-owned land under a long-term concession agreement.	(10)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(4,113)
<b>Investment</b>		
Parking Services (Investment)	Investment required to deliver associated savings within parking services.	48
Investment in local heritage	New revenue requirements associated with the new Archive facility and Chester Rows, to enable the delivery and sustainability of new and enhanced services.	8
Waste Collection	Investment to reflect increased costs of waste collection resulting from annual housing growth.	331
<b>Total Savings Environment and Communities</b>		<b>(4,718)</b>
<b>Total Investment Environment and Communities</b>		<b>387</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Environment and Communities</b>		<b>(4,331)</b>

Highways and Transport		23-24 £000
<b>Savings</b>		
Winter Maintenance	A review of winter highways maintenance schedules and routes to ensure an appropriate level of maintenance is undertaken and a safe road network maintained for all users.	(50)
Capitalisation of highway repairs	Maximise external funding received for pothole repairs by charging minor highway repairs to the capital grant allocation.	(213)
Highways Staffing efficiencies	Staffing efficiencies to be identified and delivered as part of the ongoing Highways restructure.	(203)
Christmas lights	Explore opportunities for commercial sponsorship, town and parish councils involvement or other external funding to fund Christmas lighting across the borough.	(20)
Highways licenses	Update the existing licensing process in line with the legislation to shadow the Council's permit scheme and implement a new licence process relating to building materials on the highways.	(65)
Highway Claims	Changes to the Term Maintenance Contract to ensure that any claims occurring as a result of the contractor's failure to meet agreed intervention levels will be met by the contractor.	(50)
Concessionary Fare Budget	Savings resulting from the Concessionary Fare budget due to lower levels of patronage.	(200)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(735)
<b>Investment</b>		
Staffing efficiencies	Linked to the Highways delivery model there was a saving in 2022-23 relating to staffing efficiencies in the client / contract teams. Given the change in the model the saving will no longer be delivered.	40
<b>Total Savings Highways and Transport</b>		<b>(1,536)</b>
<b>Total Investment Highways and Transport</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Highways and Transport</b>		<b>(1,496)</b>
<b>Economy and Housing</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Total Environment Service Re-Design	External funding opportunities to be explored and streamlining of functions within the Planning and Place Making Team.	(131)
Efficiencies from sharing strategic and specialist services	Exploring opportunities for sharing strategic and specialist services with neighbouring authorities to deliver operational efficiencies.	(30)
Review of regeneration structure	Review operating model of the regeneration team and focus resource on the delivery of strategic and priority schemes which will also deliver non pay efficiencies within Business Growth.	(190)
Maximise use of developer contributions administration and monitoring fees	Use of Community Infrastructure Levy admin / monitoring fees to contribute to service management and overheads.	(50)
Review of Energy & Carbon Reduction function	A review of an external contract in relation to Energy and Carbon Reduction. The aim will be to review the service provided and deliver a more effective service by enhancing the links with the Climate Change team.	(80)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(292)
<b>Investment</b>		
Housing Operations	Investment in a Senior Housing Operations/Temporary Accommodation Manager to oversee all housing operations, supported accommodation and temporary accommodation. There is increasing demand in this service and there is a need to have a senior level resource to undertake review, service development and support the existing team.	83
<b>Total Savings Economy and Housing</b>		<b>(773)</b>
<b>Total Investment Economy and Housing</b>		<b>83</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Economy and Housing</b>		<b>(690)</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Communities, Environment and Economy</b>		<b>(7,749)</b>
<b>Finance</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Insurance	Review of insurance costs following the completion of the tender exercise for insurance cover and finalisation of all contract terms.	(400)
Capitalisation of Governance & Support Team	The Governance and Support team are supporting the Unit 4 financial system. This support will be a mixture of day-to-day system admin and development work. The development work will be charged to the capital programme.	(90)
Non-pay budgets	A review of expenditure within Financial Management has highlighted a number of areas where budgets can be reduced to reflect changes in respect of new ways of working including printing, licence costs and conference fees.	(50)
Supplier Early Payment Solution	The Council will implement an early payment solution which will enable suppliers to receive payment for goods and services earlier than our normal terms of trade but at a discounted price. This will provide a cash flow benefit to our suppliers and will also result in a saving to the Council. The payment solution will also allow small and micro suppliers to be paid early without any charge.	(40)
Salary Sacrifice AVC scheme	A new salary sacrifice scheme for Pension Additional Voluntary Contributions is being introduced. This scheme will generate savings in income tax and National Insurance for both the employee and the Council.	(20)

Income from Advertising	The Council will seek to generate additional income from advertising on Council owned assets such as roundabouts, bus shelters and highway assets.	(105)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(506)
<b>Investment</b>		
Governance and Support Team	Increased capacity within the Governance and Support Team to provide post go live support and development of the Unit 4 finance system.	138
<b>Total Savings Finance</b>		<b>(1,211)</b>
<b>Total Investment Finance</b>		<b>138</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Finance</b>		<b>(1,073)</b>
<b>Governance and Chief Executive</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Reduction of non-pay budgets.	Reduction of non-pay budgets.	(8)
<b>Investment</b>		
Legal team to support safeguarding	The significant increase in referrals to social care has increased the number of referrals to Legal e.g. increase in number of court hearings, increasing demand for legal input in respect of Coroners hearings, resulting in the requirement for additional resource and capacity within legal services.	328
Member allowances	Following a review by the Independent Members' Remuneration Panel (IMRP), the level of member allowances will be considered by the new Council administration following the May election.	155
<b>Total Savings Governance and Chief Executive</b>		<b>(8)</b>
<b>Total Investment Governance and Chief Executive</b>		<b>483</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Governance and Chief Executive</b>		<b>475</b>
<b>Public Service Reform</b>		<b>23-24 £000</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
Capitalisation of ICT devices	To meet the costs of devices such as laptops / desktops through capital budgets rather than revenue on an ongoing basis.	(400)
ICT Review Savings	Reducing the costs of ICT through more self-service, greater alignment, reduction of overheads in line with a new model, vacancy management, third party reductions, and a reduction in the digital budget.	(70)
Reconfigure communication resources	Review of the communications structure and service levels.	(30)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(30)
<b>Investment</b>		
ICT Service Model Review - temporary investment	Temporary investment in ICT shared service pending implementation of a new model. This will fall out in 2025-26.	1,000
Invest in data engineering function	Extending current temporary posts in the data engineering function to provide data expertise to produce more sophisticated insight required to support the early intervention and prevention agenda.	75
<b>Total Savings Public Service Reform</b>		<b>(530)</b>
<b>Total Investment Public Service Reform</b>		<b>1,075</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Public Service Reform</b>		<b>545</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Corporate</b>		<b>(53)</b>

Title	Description	23-24 £000
<b>Council Wide and Cross Cutting</b>		
<b>Savings</b>		
Council Companies savings target	The Council will work with all of its companies to identify opportunities to reduce the net cost of the services they provide to the Council. In particular the Council will work with Brio to deliver a recovery plan targeting reductions in operating costs and overheads and growth in income. Through this approach the company seeks to mitigate the ongoing impact of the £3.6m of cost/inflation pressure experienced by the company in 2022-23, which has been separately reflected as growth pressure within the Council's 2023-24 budget.	(1,350)
Review of Fees & Charges	Review of fees and charges, to ensure that inflationary uplift is applied, and full cost recovery is being achieved from the provision of chargeable services. This includes Adults Social Care and Environment. Green waste permits will remain frozen at £40 in 2023 in recognition of current cost of living pressures on households.	(3,693)
Non-pay budgets	Efficiency savings from a review of supplies and services across non-pay budgets.	(131)
Previously approved savings	Savings which relate to decisions already approved in previous years.	(753)
<b>Investment</b>		
Council Companies growth pressure	The Council owns or part owns several companies who support delivery of Council services. Additional growth is being provided to reflect ongoing cost pressures in Brio as a result of lower usage and income shortfalls following the pandemic. In addition to this growth, the impact of inflation on the cost of the services provided by Brio (£1.8m) is separately reflected as part of the Councils inflation figures, and a further £1m is to be funded from contingency budgets set aside in 2022-23.	700
Digital Channel Shift Phase 2 - Investment	Investment to deliver savings from phase 2 of the Digital Strategy.	100
<b>Total Savings Council Wide and Cross Cutting</b>		<b>(5,927)</b>
<b>Total Investment Council Wide and Cross Cutting</b>		<b>800</b>
<b>Total Net Savings Council Wide and Cross Cutting</b>		<b>(5,127)</b>
<b>Total Savings</b>		<b>(25,410)</b>
<b>Total Investment</b>		<b>41,939</b>
<b>Total Net Savings</b>		<b>16,529</b>

## **Capital Programme 2023-24**

Specific Schemes and Annual Allocations for Approval	Description	Capital Programme
		2023-24
		£m
Health & Wellbeing		
Children & Young People		
Special Educational Needs Provision	Investment in the quality and range of provision for children and young people with Special Education Needs in line with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) High Needs Review. Schemes will be identified through a specific work stream as part of the review.	1.318
Devolved Formula Capital	Investment in maintenance and improvements to around 126 schools and educational facilities in line with Asset Management Plans and School Development Plans.	0.750
School Basic Need	Funding to ensure provision of sufficient school places within the Borough. This active programme of works is anticipated to deliver 2,000 places across a number of School Planning areas over the next four years with further areas under review.	10.680
School Condition Allocation	Investment in maintenance and improvements to schools and educational facilities across the borough in line with the DfE’s Good Estate Management guidance which aims to deliver improvements across 130 schools over the four year planning period.	4.628
Schools Play Provision	This investment will fund remaining works for enhanced play provision for eight schools.	0.142
Adults		
Disabled Facilities Grant	Funding for adaptations to peoples’ homes and improvements to Adult Social Care facilities to support and enable people to live independently for as long as possible. This funding will enable up to 175 Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) to be completed annually, along with approximately 1,700 minor adaptations and 100 ceiling track hoists/items of specialist equipment.	4.563
Total Health & Wellbeing		22.081

Specific Schemes and Annual Allocations for Approval	Description	Capital Programme
		2023-24
		£m
Communities, Environment & Economy		
Climate Emergency		
Energy & Carbon Reduction: Street lighting	Capital investment to deliver a Central Management System to manage the timings of street lighting columns on A roads in order to generate revenue savings and carbon reductions.	0.614
Climate Emergency - Carbon Reduction Strategy	This investment supports the delivery of the Guilden Sutton Depot charging points	0.215
Regeneration		
Neston Regeneration	Funding to develop a masterplan for Neston including a projected timeline for future regeneration projects.	0.100
Winsford Town Centre	Investment in Winsford Town Centre as part of a wider programme of town centre regeneration. Council investment serves as co funding towards the Future High Street funding bid which will aim to create an attractive and functional town centre that serves as a sense of place to support communities, attracting long term commercial uses alongside community uses, quality public realm and an improved town centre environment.	17.572
Highways & Transport		
Asset Management and Property Maintenance: Environment	Programme of essential maintenance works to the Council's open spaces and streetcare assets. Funding over the next 4 years will support priority works across countryside and urban parks, allotments, play areas, pathways, pavilions, changing room facilities, portable-cabins, public conveniences and public realm assets.	0.200
Network Development	Development and delivery of infrastructure schemes including improvements for roads and cycling and walking routes. This investment will help the Council deliver on its goal of planning, providing and promoting well maintained, safe, integrated and sustainable transport, digital and energy networks for the future - this is essential to support the Council's wider social, economic and environmental goals. Efficiency of movement defines our economy and securing enhanced transport, digital and energy infrastructure and services will help to ensure a prosperous economy and sustainable environments.	1.970
Network Management	Management of the highway network, including roads and bridges, and City Walls – reducing the number of potholes on the roads and carrying out essential structural repairs to bridges and City Walls. As part of an increasing focus on 'fixing our footpaths', the proportion of funding being spent on the treatment and repair of pedestrian routes has doubled since 2021. The investment will help to deliver key priorities; to attract and retain new investment, residents, housing and development.	13.379

Specific Schemes and Annual Allocations for Approval	Description	Capital Programme
		2023-24
		£m
Soot Hill	Investment to reinstate the carriageway at Soot Hill.	3.100
A540 Road Safety Scheme	The project is to address road safety concerns at this existing priority crossroads junction by widening the highway to provide a traffic signal installation (inclusive of controlled pedestrian crossing facilities and modifications to the street lighting systems).	1.300
ANPR Cameras Enforcement of moving traffic offences	This scheme will implement ANPR cameras at traffic offence hotspots across the borough.	0.100
Replacement upgrade of Public Realm CCTV system	Upgrade of the CCTV system to ensure it is compatible with new equipment installed across the public realm.	0.400
Vehicle Replacement	Replacement of Council vehicles to continue the safe operation and delivery of critical services across the borough. Investment in the latest technology and combining cleaner Euro 6 diesel engines with full electric vehicle technology will contribute to the Council's Low Emissions Strategy Action Plan.	1.650
<b>Housing</b>		
HRA Existing Stock	Maintenance of the Council's domestic properties in Ellesmere Port, Neston & Winsford including kitchen and bathroom replacement, roofing works, rewiring works, heating installations, regulatory compliance, garage demolitions and estate improvement works. The number of properties falling into each of these work programmes varies year to year but in an average year there would be circa 80 kitchens, 75 bathrooms, 300 heating installations and 150 new roofs. This allocation also provides for the regeneration of Sutton Way which will include the refurbishment of 10 blocks of flats and construction of 16 new build properties.	12.739
Private Sector Housing - annual allocation	Funding will provide financial assistance for approx. 60 properties per year under the Council's Home Assistance Policy to assist people in need and lower income home-owners whose homes require repair and improvement and to bring empty homes back into use and to create new affordable units of accommodation through the conversion of obsolete commercial premises.	0.500
Housing Delivery	Investment in Phoenix House Depot to clear the site in preparation for further development and a contribution to a community land scheme to deliver units in Tattenhall.	0.724
Affordable Housing	Investment to develop and deliver an affordable housing programme to meet the future needs of local residents and address strategic housing priorities for the borough.	0.500
<b>Culture &amp; Leisure</b>		
Northwich Library	Investment in Northwich Library to upgrade the building and develop the library service.	1.229
Archives Facility	Investment for the delivery phase of the relocation of the Archives service to new premises, improving storage conditions for the preservation of archives and improving access to the service for residents and visitors, including a wider range of services such as learning and outreach programmes and digital delivery.	14.413
Football Pitch Investment Programme	Continued investment in the football pitch programme across the Borough including Blacon Artificial Grass pitch (3G) and new changing facility, Moss Farm Artificial Grass Pitch (3G) and grass pitch improvements, Saltworks Farm changing refurbishment and grass pitch improvements and Stanney Grange (Thornton Road) grass pitch improvements.	0.810
Libraries ICT Infrastructure	Upgrade of the network of self service terminals to ensure technology is fully supported.	0.415
<b>Asset Management</b>		
Asset Management and Property Maintenance: Property	Investment in the Council's property assets, to minimise health and safety risks to the Council and its residents and support the effective operation of the Council's services.	3.476
Leisure Asset Management	Investment to support improvements in our leisure assets focussing on those assets which are best placed to help meet the Council's health and wellbeing objectives.	0.030
Chester Rows Fire Protection	Investment in fire protection equipment on the Chester Rows through the purchase of a bin store for Feathers Lane and three fire detection cameras. The heat cameras will be installed after the wider upgrade. The heat loop runs around the walkway and is triggered when the heat from a fire melts it, reducing the likelihood of false alarms.	0.203
Waste Strategy	Ongoing investment to support the delivery of the waste strategy, including purchase of vehicles and final roll out of new containers	4.356
<b>Total Communities, Environment &amp; Economy</b>		<b>79.995</b>



Specific Schemes and Annual Allocations for Approval	Description	Capital Programme
		2023-24
		£m
<b>Corporate</b>		
<b>ICT &amp; Digital</b>		
Unit 4 Development	The Council has implemented a new Human Resources and Finance system. Ongoing investment will be required to support the implementation of additional functionality to support Council business and more efficient business processes.	0.500
Digital Channel Shift	Increasing the number of services and processes delivered through digital and support for new ways of working.	1.507
ICT Strategy Core Programme	Improvements to refresh and extend the life of core technology that supports Council services, including cyclical essential replacement, annual maintenance of key business systems, investment to support major ICT system replacement and re-procurement to ensure the Council remains safe and compliant from a legal and procurement perspective.	1.836
ICT Operating Model	Investment to transfer from the current shared service operating model to a hybrid model. This would involve retaining a shared data centre and network but would involve separation and reconfiguration of other functions that are currently shared including helpdesk, device support, application support, architecture and projects.	1.237
Capitalisation of Equipment (ICT)	Funding to enable the capitalisation of the cyclical replacement costs for laptops, desktops and similar devices used by staff to deliver Council services.	0.400
Capitalised Salaries (System Development)	Capitalisation of staff time spent on developing the future capabilities and enhancing the performance of Council business systems	0.130
<b>Council Wide</b>		
Transformational projects to improve services	Investment to deliver service improvements and efficiencies.	1.362
<b>Total Corporate</b>		<b>6.972</b>
<b>Total Specific Schemes and Annual Allocations for Approval</b>		<b>109.048</b>

## Schemes Under Development

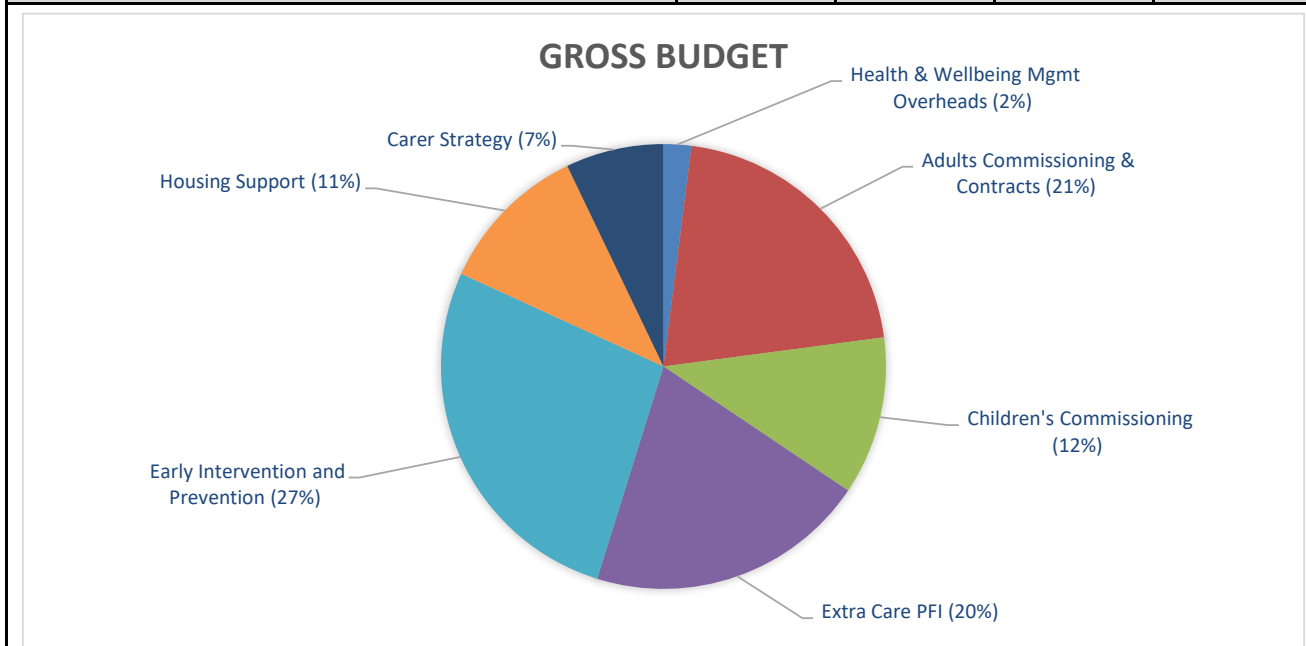
Schemes Under Development	Description	Total Indicative
		Capital Programme
		2023-27
		£m
Health & Wellbeing		
Children & Young People		
Children's Residential Accommodation	Investment to support the delivery of the children in care and care leavers accomodation strategy.	1.739
Special Education Needs Provision	Investment in the quality and range of provision for children and young people with Special Education Needs in line with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) High Needs Review. Schemes will be identified through a specific workstream as part of the review.	6.919
Pupil Referral Unit	Investment in a new Pupil Referral facility to support the needs of vulnerable pupils excluded from school.	3.203
Emerging Pressure Childrens	Flexible funding to support the emerging priorities in Children’s services, potentially providing match funding capacity as part of a programme to deliver improved facilities through the Youth Investment Fund.	0.500
Public Health		
Leisure Asset Management	Investment to support improvements in our leisure assets, focusing on those assets which are best placed to help meet the Council’s health and wellbeing objectives.	11.475
Total Health and Wellbeing		23.836
Communities, Environment & Economy		
Climate Emergency		
Climate Emergency - Carbon Reduction Strategy	Investment to support the development of a Carbon Reduction Strategy and support to schemes that deliver quantifiable carbon benefits such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste reduction, zero or low carbon transport and natural capital/natural environment projects.	3.982
Regeneration		
Regeneration Schemes	Investment across the Borough with a particular focus on market towns which will aim to create attractive town centres that serve as a sense of place to support communities, attracting long term commercial uses alongside community uses, quality public realm and an improved town centre environment.	1.514
Transforming Ellesmere Port Town Centre	Investment to enhance Ellesmere Port Town Centre through an upgraded and more sustainable market hall, improved cycleways and walkways, public realm enhancements and unlocking sites to enable delivery of new low carbon housing.	14.864
Housing		
Housing Delivery	Investment in housing across the borough including council, market sale and affordable housing resulting in new homes.	14.575
Housing Growth: Supported Housing for Vulnerable People	Supported housing provision for more residents to help maintain their independence including new Homelessness provision and support for adults with learning disability (circa 20 units).	3.009
Highways & Transport		
Winnington Corridor	A highways scheme to reroute and enhance part of the A533 Winnington including replacing existing bridges across the River Weaver. This funding was originally a match funding contribution towards a large levelling up fund bid. That funding application has recently been rejected, the Council is now exploring options for alternative funding to support the scheme.	2.000
Replacement upgrade of Public Realm CCTV system	Supporting programme of upgrading existing CCTV analogue cameras with digital cameras as they become due for replacement.	0.500
Emerging Pressures Highways	Funding allocation to support a range of emerging pressures impacting on highways and transport needs. Includes additional funding to support flood prevention measures, deliver active travel improvements or upgrade facilities.	2.500

<b>Culture &amp; Leisure</b>		
Play Strategy	Development of Council's play improvement plan to prioritise delivery of improvements to Council owned outdoor play areas. Play areas have played a vital role for children in terms of outdoor play, and helping their health and well-being.	0.240
<b>Communities, Environment &amp; Economy</b>		
Dee House	Funding to develop a long-term sustainable re-use for the Dee House site and provide an improved visitor experience within a key city location.	0.380
Moss Farm	Investment to deliver priority improvements to car parking and changing facilities in order to deliver on the Council's health and wellbeing objectives	1.983
Football Pitch Investment Programme (Under Development)	Continued investment in the football pitch programme that will see improvements over the next four years to around 40 grass pitches across 13 sites across the Borough in line with the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy.	1.500
<b>Asset Management</b>		
Northwich Market	Investment to deliver new market in the Northwich area, delivering an improved visitor experience.	1.008
<b>Total Communities, Environment &amp; Economy</b>		<b>48.055</b>
<b>Corporate</b>		
<b>Council Wide</b>		
Emerging Pressures	Contingency to fund unforeseen impacts or cost increases.	12.000
<b>Total Corporate</b>		<b>12.000</b>
<b>Total Schemes Under Development</b>		<b>83.891</b>

## Health & Wellbeing Commissioning, Contracts & Quality Charlotte Walton

Commissioning, Contracts and Quality encompasses commissioning for both adults and children's services, quality assurance and compliance. Such commissions cover a wide array of areas such as early intervention and prevention, carers support, social welfare and advice, domestic abuse and statutory advocacy.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Health & Wellbeing Mgmt Overheads	192	20	-	212
Adults Commissioning & Contracts	2,107	97	(198)	2,006
Children's Commissioning	73	1,141	(76)	1,138
Extra Care PFI	-	2,152	(1,714)	438
Early Intervention and Prevention	-	2,850	(2,113)	737
Housing Support	-	1,164	(518)	646
Carer Strategy	-	751	(741)	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>8,175</b>	<b>(5,360)</b>	<b>5,187</b>



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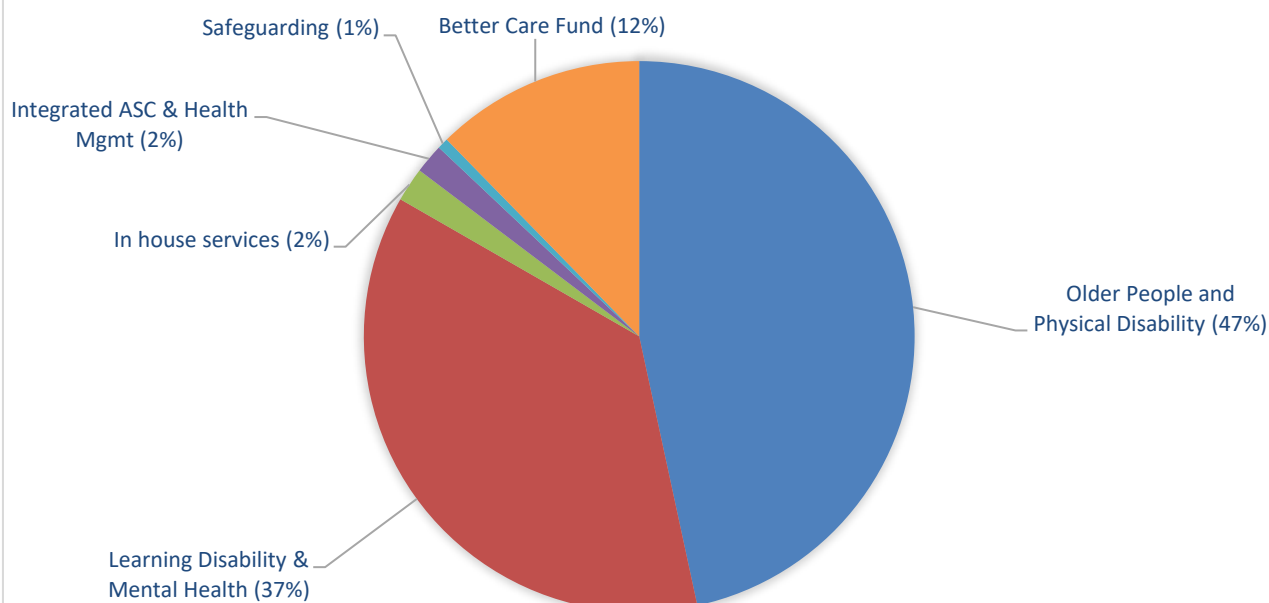
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## Health & Wellbeing Integrated Adult Social Care & Health Charlotte Walton

This Service provides care and support to a wide range of vulnerable adults in the local community across a broad range of individual groups including elderly people with physical and/or mental frailties, people with learning disabilities, people with a range of mental health problems, people with physical and sensory disabilities and other vulnerable adults with conditions requiring support. Care services are provided to individuals in their homes, at day centre facilities and through respite care and are delivered through a combination of in-house services and external providers.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Older People and Physical Disability	7,730	79,963	(29,470)	58,223
Learning Disability & Mental Health	2,847	66,166	(7,649)	61,364
In house services	3,359	410	(3,010)	759
Integrated ASC & Health Mgmt	906	2,353	(113)	3,146
Safeguarding	822	393	(25)	1,190
Better Care Fund	-	23,180	(23,180)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,664</b>	<b>172,465</b>	<b>(63,447)</b>	<b>124,682</b>

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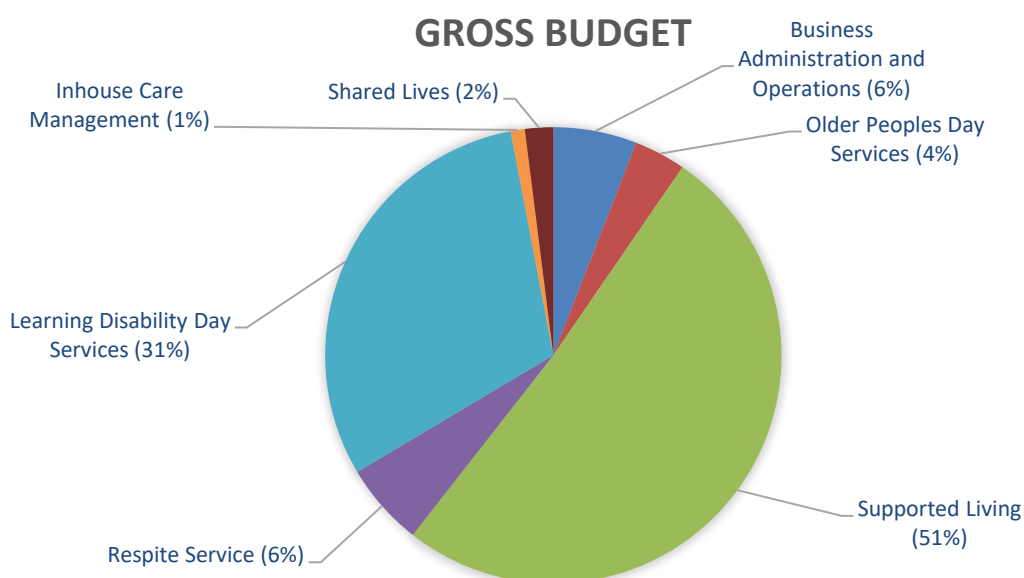
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## Health & Wellbeing VIVO Care Choices Alistair Jeffs

Vivo is an in-house care service at Cheshire West and Chester Council and deliver a range of flexible and responsive support for people with learning disabilities and autism and older people, including those with dementia. Care services are provided at a number of settings including day centres, specialist respite facilities, and in the service users own home through the supported living network. In addition Vivo manages the Council's Shared Lives service and also delivers vocational training and employment opportunities to adults aged 18 and over with a learning disability at a number of locations such as the Little Roodee Cafe.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Business Administration and Operations	544	274	(20)	798
Older Peoples Day Services	455	52	(36)	471
Supported Living	6,964	90	(57)	6,997
Respite Service	759	56		815
Learning Disability Day Services	3,718	508	(147)	4,079
Inhouse Care Management	138	-	-	138
Roodee Café	-	42	(69)	(27)
Shared Lives	250	27		277
West Cheshire Autism Hub	4	24	-	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,832</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>(329)</b>	<b>13,576</b>



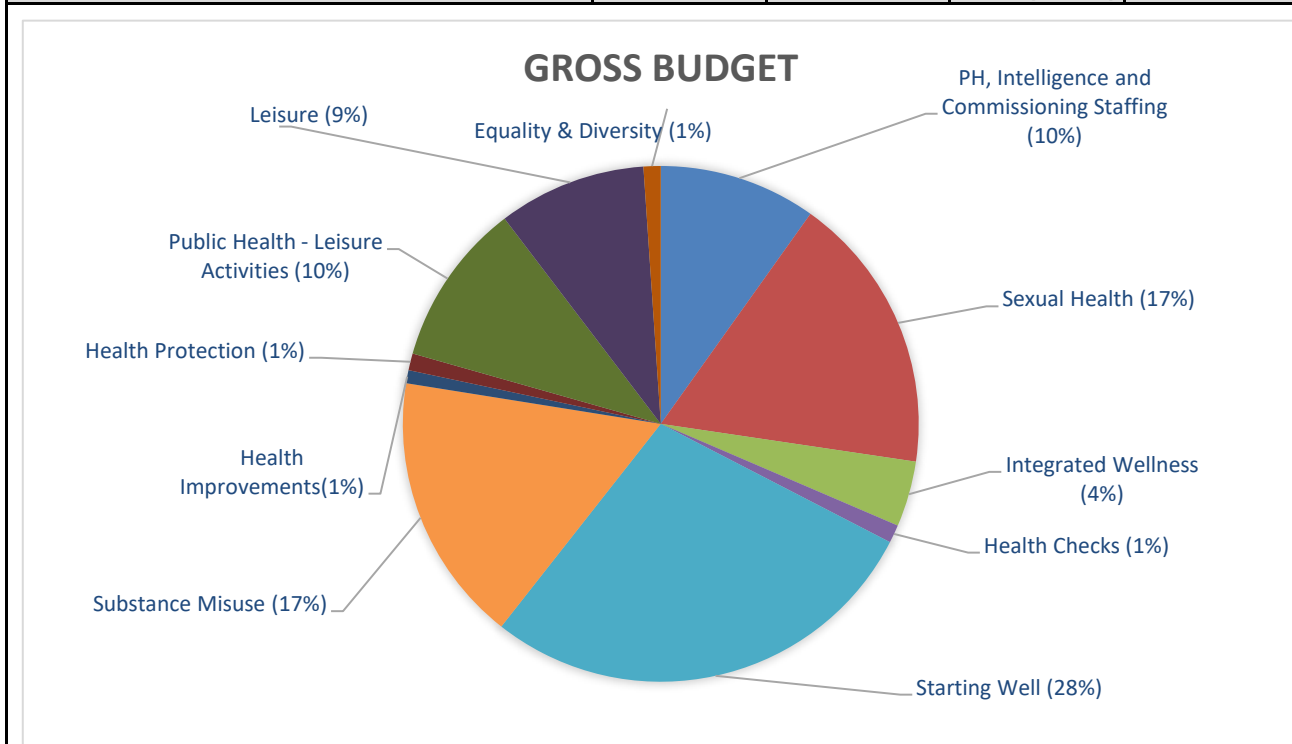
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## Health & Wellbeing Public Health Helen Bromley

Public Health have statutory duties for health improvement, health protection and reducing health inequalities covering a wide range of areas such as sexual health, immunisation, nutrition, reducing drugs, alcohol and tobacco dependency, pregnancy and children's health. Leisure is also included in Public Health. Public Health is also the corporate lead on Equality and Diversity.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
PH, Intelligence and Commissioning Staffing	1,470	565	-	2,035
Sexual Health	-	3,612	-	3,612
Integrated Wellness	-	849	-	849
Health Checks	-	233	-	233
Starting Well	-	5,786	-	5,786
Substance Misuse	-	3,493	(708)	2,785
Health Improvements	-	169	-	169
Health Protection	-	218	-	218
Public Health - Leisure Activities	-	2,117	-	2,117
Leisure	-	1,916	(2,235)	(319)
Partnership	15	39	-	54
Equality and Diversity	157	65	(52)	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>19,062</b>	<b>(2,995)</b>	<b>17,709</b>



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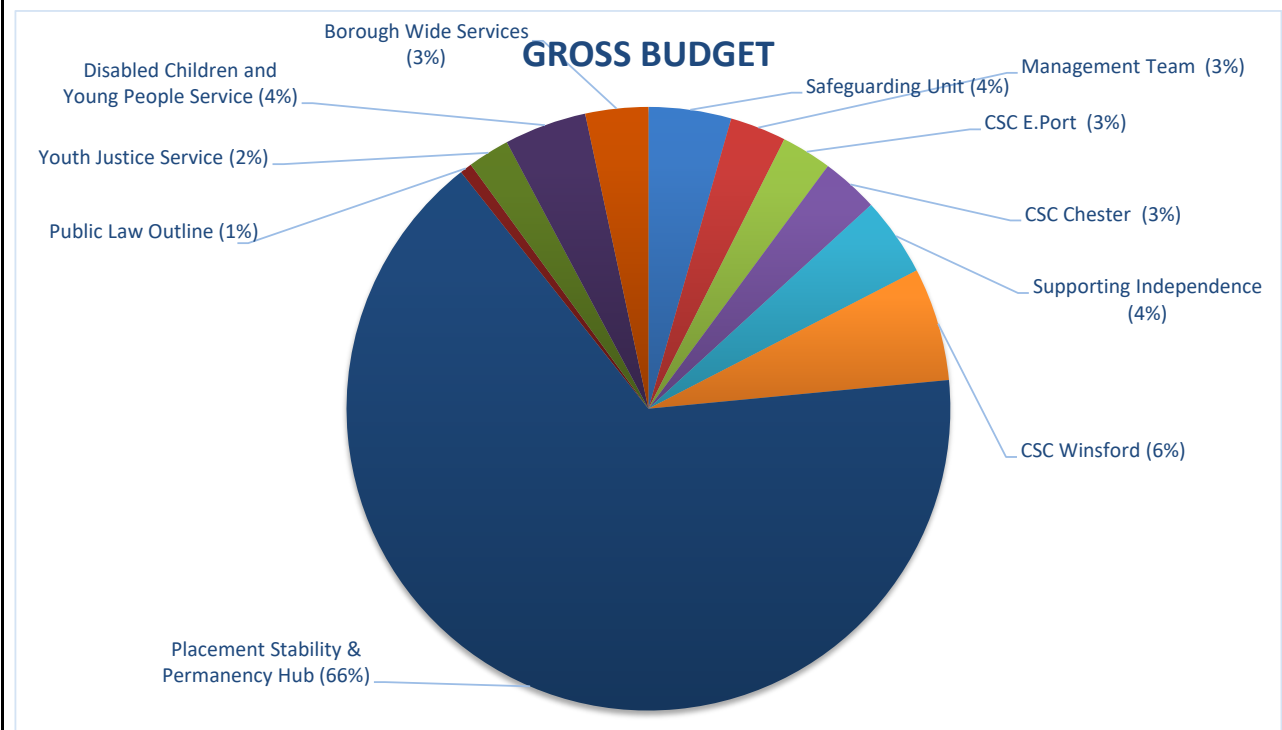
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## Health & Wellbeing Children's Social Care Gemma Gerrish (Interim)

Provides statutory services to children and families, including children in need of help, support and protection, children in care and care leavers, fostering and adoption via Together for Adoption (Regional Adoption Agency) children with disabilities, residential care and short breaks provision for disabled children, children's participation and inclusion, contacts and referrals into children's services and the out of hours emergency duty service.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Safeguarding Unit	2,449	173	(135)	2,487
Management Team	1,646	138	(249)	1,535
CSC E.Port	1,463	137	-	1,600
CSC Chester	1,633	183	-	1,816
Supporting Independence	593	1,909	-	2,502
CSC Winsford	3,388	204	-	3,592
Placement Stability & Permanency Hub	3,540	35,488	(1,237)	37,791
Public Law Outline	0	383	-	383
Youth Justice Service	877	453	(841)	489
Disabled Children and Young People Service	1,535	1,076	(336)	2,275
Asylum Seekers	0	100	-	100
Borough Wide Services	1,832	162	-	1,994
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,956</b>	<b>40,406</b>	<b>(2,798)</b>	<b>56,564</b>



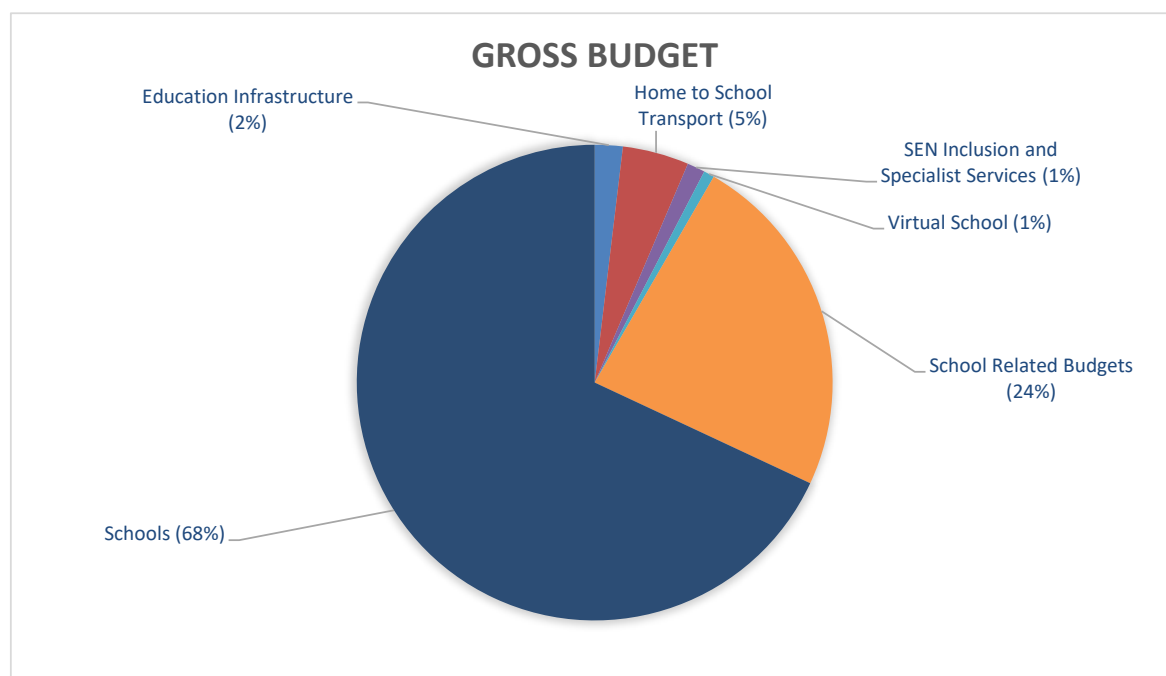
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## Health & Wellbeing Education and Inclusion Helen Brackenbury

The Education and Inclusion Service focuses on improving the educational attainment and achievement of children and young people from 0-25 whether they are placed in settings, schools or providers (including the private and voluntary sector and childminders). It supports schools and settings through robust monitoring, challenge, intervention and the brokering of support. It supports vulnerable children, young people and their families through targeted provision through a range of services such as the Virtual School Head and Education Access. There is support for education infrastructure such as schools places, transport, capital programmes and admissions. The Service helps children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities through effective identification/assessment of need and the matching of appropriate support/provision.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Education and Inclusion	494	27	(452)	69
Education Infrastructure	2,726	2,840	(2,603)	2,963
Home to School Transport	-	13,221	-	13,221
School Intervention	847	404	(860)	391
SEN Inclusion and Specialist Services	3,129	427	(2,512)	1,044
Virtual School	775	1,350	(2,125)	-
School Related Budgets	3,368	65,883	(68,903)	348
Schools	-	199,544	(199,544)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,339</b>	<b>283,696</b>	<b>(276,999)</b>	<b>18,036</b>



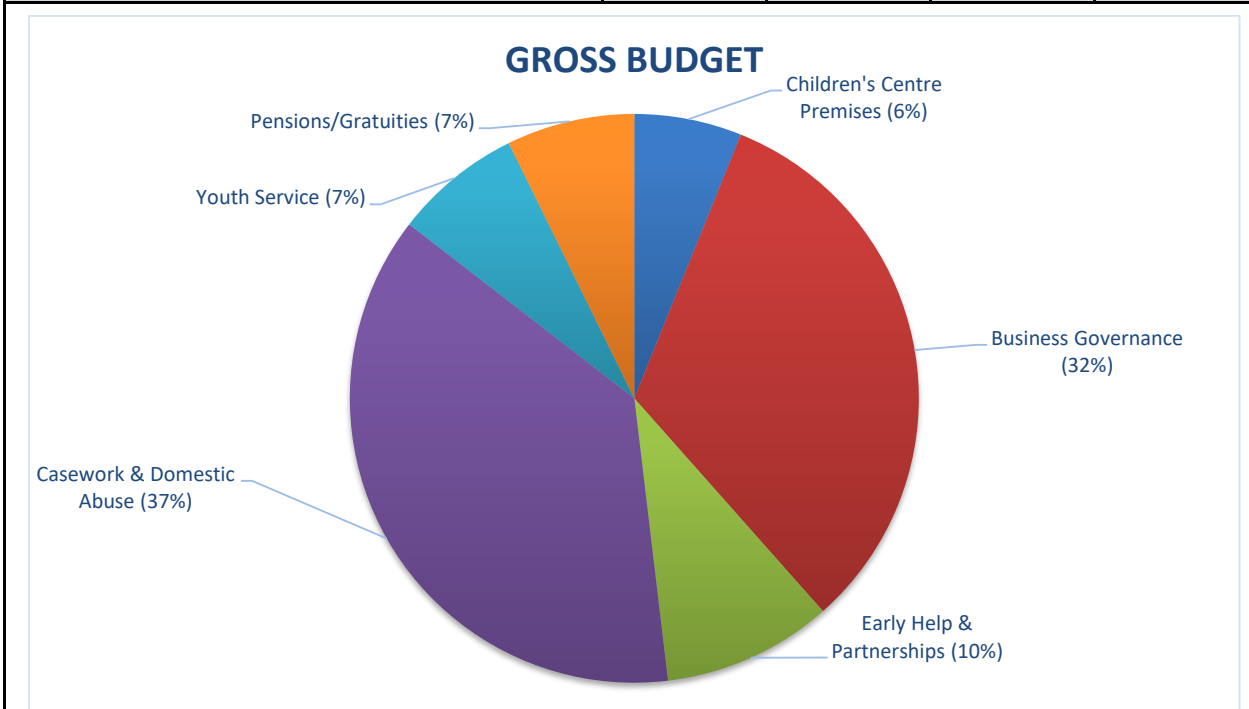
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## Health & Wellbeing Early Help & Prevention Helen Brackenbury

The Early Help and Prevention Service helps local children, families and young people with complex needs and adults affected by domestic abuse and focuses on three key areas: Family Casework and Domestic Violence and Abuse, Early help, Schools and Partnerships and Community Safety and the Youth Service. A business and governance team provide the back office support to the whole service, including the administration of the troubled families' payments and sourcing new funding to support more prevention opportunities.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Children's Centre Premises	-	481	(171)	310
Business Governance	1,188	1,357	(2,067)	478
Early Help and Partnerships	724	35	(26)	733
Casework and Domestic Abuse	2,242	698	(817)	2,123
Youth Service	419	151	(19)	551
Pensions/Gratuities (Ex Colleges)	573	-	(573)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,146</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>(3,673)</b>	<b>4,195</b>



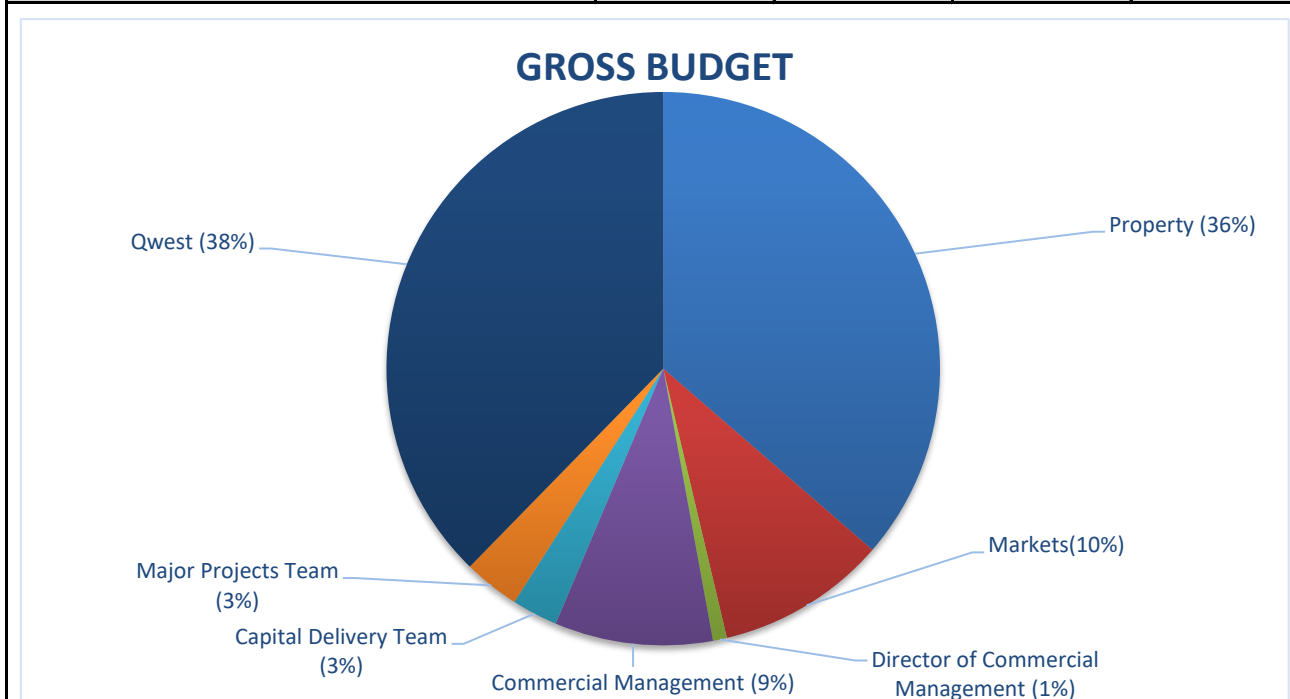
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**Communities, Environment & Economy**  
**Commercial Management & Delivery**  
**Graham Pink**

The service implements a consistent approach to contract administration and performance management across the Council's outsourced services. The service aims to secure value for money, deliver best practice and exceed customer expectations. Commercial Management & Delivery is a key interface with contractors, partner organisations, business sectors, public bodies and internal directorates. The service includes Capital Delivery, and also Property.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Property	1,182	3,016	(2,164)	2,034
Markets	520	628	(1,277)	(129)
Director of Commercial Mgmnt	100	(6)	(70)	24
Commercial Management	982	84	(307)	759
Major Projects Team	311	(1)	(300)	10
Capital Delivery Team	359	19	(283)	95
Qwest	-	4,351	-	4,351
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>8,091</b>	<b>(4,401)</b>	<b>7,144</b>



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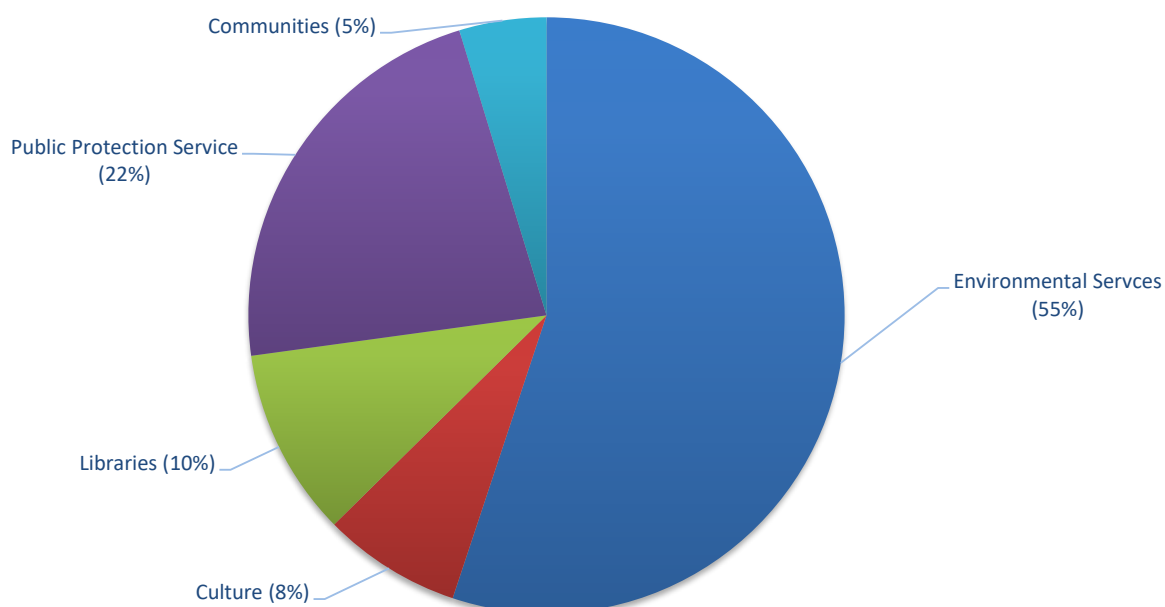
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**Communities, Environment & Economy**  
**Environment & Communities**  
**Maria Byrne**

Provides place-based services which are aligned to key Council plans and outcomes and aim to meet the needs and aspirations of our citizens. The services provided include waste management, streetcare services, parking services, lifetime services, emergency planning, community safety, regulatory services, cultural services, library services and locality working.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Director of Environment and Communities	130	2	-	132
Environment Services	5,761	22,171	(2,280)	25,652
Culture	1,862	1,950	(981)	2,831
Libraries	3,676	1,501	(1,438)	3,739
Public Protection Service	7,950	3,427	(11,156)	221
Communities	1,023	1,373	(187)	2,209
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,402</b>	<b>30,424</b>	<b>(16,042)</b>	<b>34,784</b>

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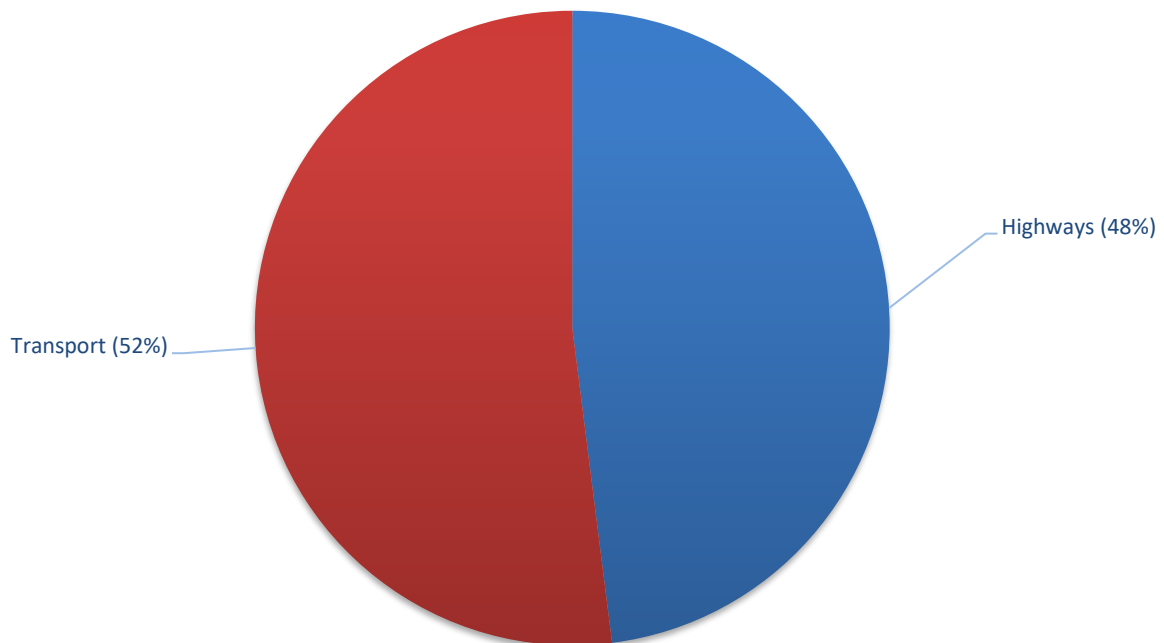
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**Communities, Environment & Economy**  
**Highways & Transport**  
**Rose McArthur**

Provides services which are aligned to key Council plans and outcomes and aim to meet the needs and aspirations of our citizens. The services provided include supporting development and maintenance of highways network, transport network development, sustainable travel and transport planning.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Highways	5,229	10,386	(6,176)	9,439
Transport	2,358	14,560	(10,770)	6,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,587</b>	<b>24,946</b>	<b>(16,946)</b>	<b>15,587</b>

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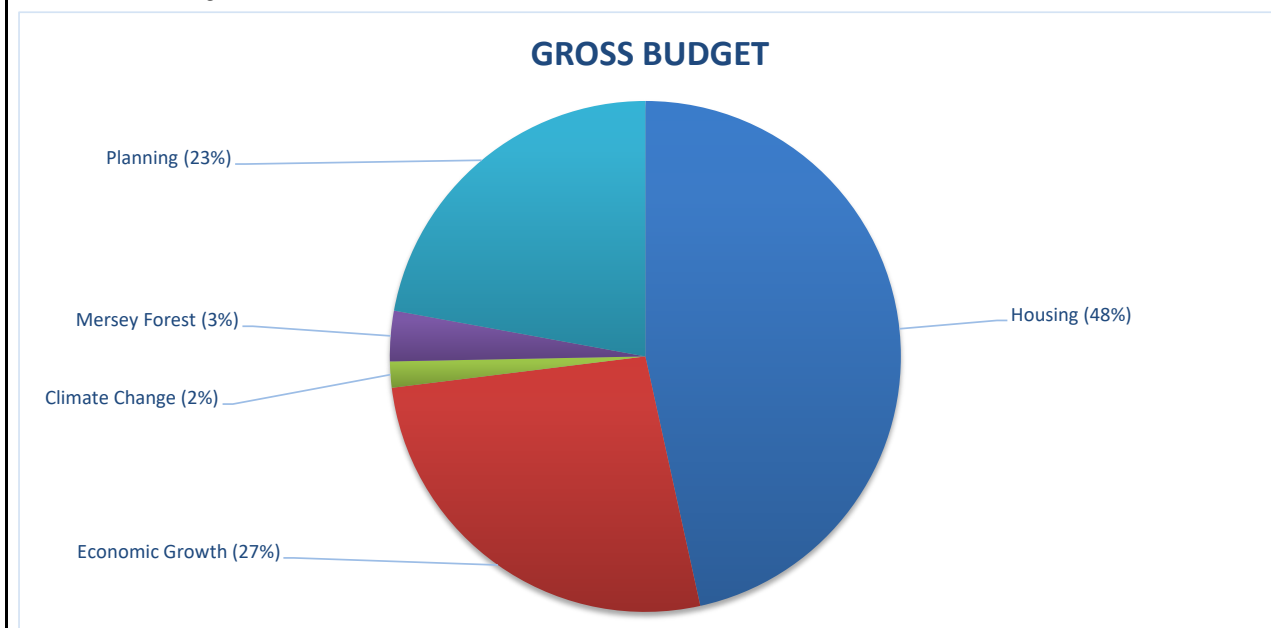
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**Communities, Environment & Economy  
Economy & Housing  
Gemma Davies**

The service is responsible for leading and developing all aspects of housing, economy and planning which enable inclusive growth and thriving communities. Thereby meeting the needs and aspirations of the residents and businesses of Cheshire West and Chester. Specific areas of responsibility include regeneration, housing strategy, homelessness services, planning, design and conservation, business growth and support, skills and employment and climate change.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Strategic Director	192	(907)	-	(715)
Director of Economy & Housing	51	(17)	-	34
Housing	2,771	6,319	(2,976)	6,114
Economic Growth	3,214	1,959	(2,992)	2,181
Climate Change	293	29	(152)	170
Mersey Forest	386	236	(622)	-
Planning	3,771	550	(3,845)	476
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>8,169</b>	<b>(10,587)</b>	<b>8,260</b>

\* Includes £511k saving for review and redesign of Communities, Environment and Economy Directorate. Re-allocation to be agreed.



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*GEMMA DAVIES*



# Communities, Environment & Economy

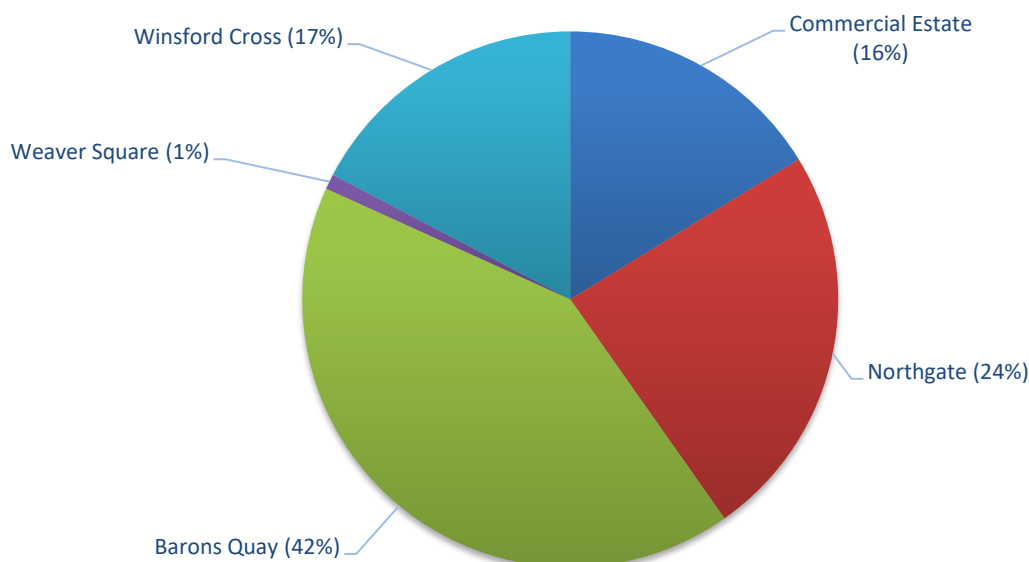
## Commercial Developments

### Graham Pink

The service is responsible for managing major town centre redevelopments completed by the Council with the aim of growing our local economy and revitalising town centres. Management of the commercial estate will maximise income and improve capital value whilst having regard to the potential in supporting regeneration and economic growth

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Commercial Estate	-	1,504	(9,852)	(8,348)
Northgate Development	-	2,220	(2,316)	(96)
Barons Quay	74	3,771	(3,255)	590
Weaver Square Shopping Centre	-	84	(115)	(31)
Winsford Cross Shopping Centre	-	1,602	(862)	740
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>9,181</b>	<b>(16,400)</b>	<b>(7,145)</b>

### GROSS BUDGET



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## Housing Revenue Account

**Gemma Davies**

The management of the Housing Revenue Account is delivered by ForHousing (trading as ForViva Group) on a ten year contract commencing on the 1st July 2017. The contract delivers a comprehensive management service including rent collection, arrears recovery, stock improvement programmes and estate management, together with a commitment to promote participation, involvement and health and wellbeing by working in partnerships with local groups along with the delivery of education, training and employment opportunities for residents through a range of programmes.

The management contract is monitored by the Commercial Management Team who set performance targets each year, negotiate budget and spending variations, monitor and report on performance and enforce contract conditions where required.

Revenue Budget	Budget
	£000
<b>Income</b>	
Rent	(24,586)
Rents - Non Dwellings	(462)
Charges for Services and Facilities	(86)
Contributions towards expenditure	(118)
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>(25,252)</b>
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	
Management Fee	9,884
Client Budget	1,228
Corporate and Democratic Costs	4
Increase in Bad Debts Provision	983
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>12,099</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>	
Principal Repayments	3,705
Interest Repayments	2,303
Debt Management Expenses	3
Revenue Contributions to Capital	7,099
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>13,110</b>
<b>Net HRA Revenue (Surplus) / Deficit for the year</b>	<b>(43)</b>

The surplus is budgeted surplus which will be transferred to the HRA surplus/deficit holding reserve, which is a cash reserve held to match 3% of turnover of the HRA

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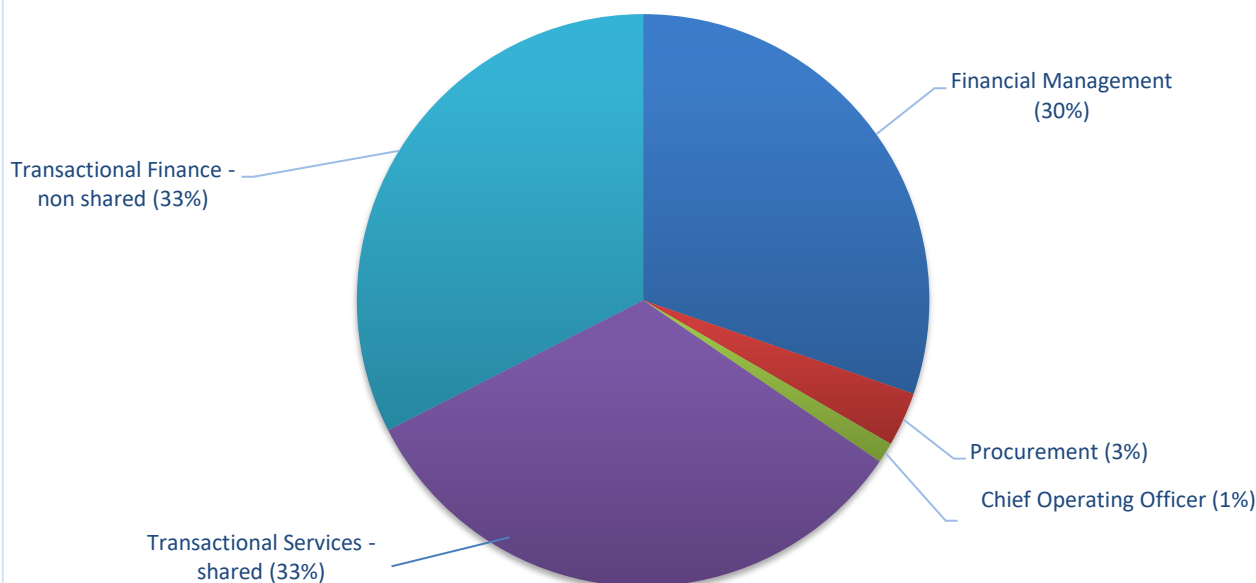
*GED Davies*

**Corporate Services**  
**Finance**  
**Debbie Hall**

Finance provides professional, efficient and customer focused financial support and advice to a range of internal and external clients through Transactional Services, Financial Management, Pensions and Procurement Teams.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Financial Management	4,953	159	(1,282)	3,830
Procurement	477	40	(4)	513
Chief Operating Officer	188	8	-	196
Transactional Finance (Non-Shared)	3,864	1,698	(1,739)	3,823
Transactional Finance (Shared)	4,039	1,444	(5,291)	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,521</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>(8,316)</b>	<b>8,554</b>

**GROSS BUDGET**



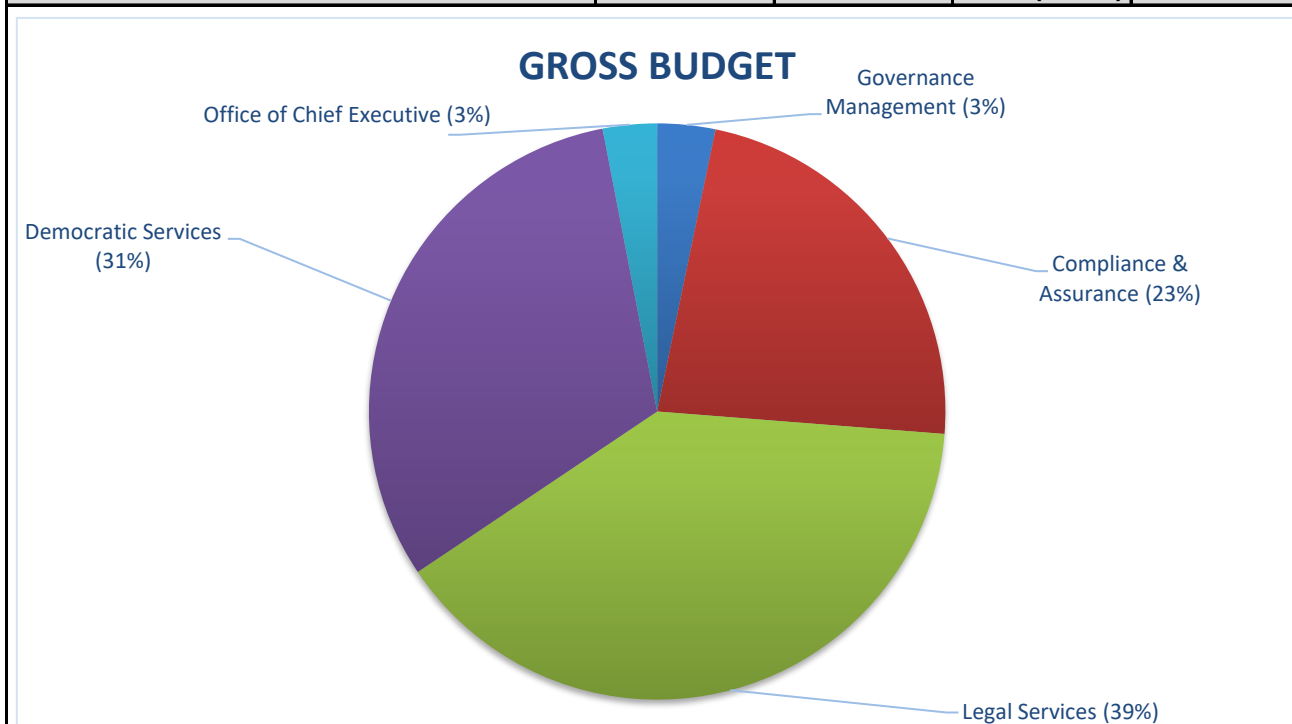
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Signed: *Debbie Hall*

# Corporate Services Governance Vanessa Whiting

Governance provides professional, efficient, customer focused support and advice to a range of internal and external clients and members through the Legal, Democratic, Customer Relations and Information services, Health & Safety, Risk, Audit and Compliance. In addition, support is provided to the Council as a shareholder of a number of Council owned companies. Office of the Chief Executive is responsible for Strategic and Corporate Management of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Governance Management	275	1	-	276
Compliance and Assurance	1,857	96	(390)	1,563
Legal Services	3,107	236	(725)	2,618
Democratic Services	1,027	1,637	(139)	2,525
Office of the Chief Executive	242	16	-	258
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,508</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>(1,254)</b>	<b>7,240</b>



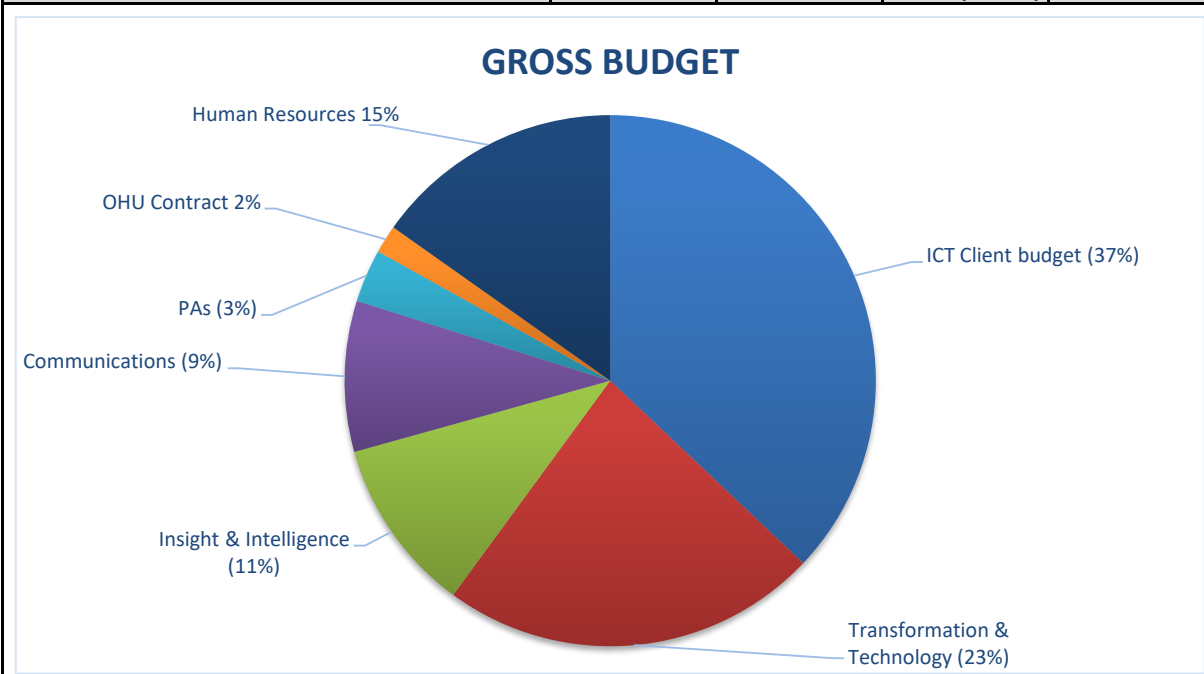
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**Corporate Services  
Public Service Reform  
Laurence Ainsworth**

The Public Service Reform Directorate supports all council services to be effective and efficient. This includes transformation support to enable services to be effective, sustainable, and to achieve their objectives. The technology service arranges appropriate ICT to enable the effective delivery of council services. The Insight and Intelligence Service supports policy development, public consultation, data analysis, and business intelligence to support evidence-based decision making. Internal and external communications enables the organisation to convey its messages and to engage a range of audiences. The human resources and organisational development service supports the council's workforce to reach their potential and to be equipped to deliver the council's objectives.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
ICT Client Budget	-	5,165	(67)	5,098
Transformation and Technology	2,432	775	(1,233)	1,974
Insight and Intelligence	1,375	104	(498)	981
Communications	1,114	165	(260)	1,019
PA's	438	12	-	450
OHU Contract	8	231	(168)	71
Human Resources	1,913	206	(951)	1,168
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,280</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>(3,177)</b>	<b>10,761</b>



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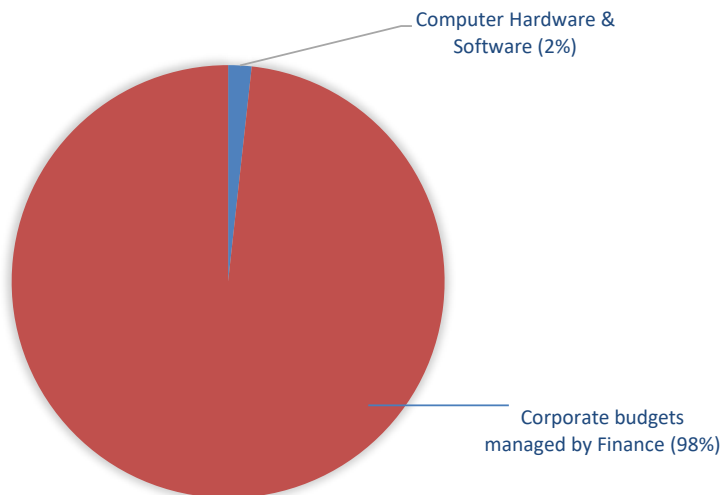
Signed: *L. Ainsworth.*

**Corporate Services**  
**Corporate budgets managed by Public Service Reform**  
**Laurence Ainsworth / Debbie Hall**

The Corporate service teams manage a number of budgets on behalf of the Council. These include the hardware and software budget and the ICT shared service client budget managed by PSR, the Graduate programme and all training which are managed by the HR service and Insurance, Housing benefits, Utility bills and Commisisoning budgets managed by Finance.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Council wide and Services Learning & Development	311	104	-	415
Graduates	106	0	-	106
Computer Hardware and Software	0	1,785	(422)	1,363
Corporate Budgets Managed by Finance	233	100,465	(95,985)	4,713
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>102,354</b>	<b>(96,407)</b>	<b>6,597</b>

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Signed: *Debbie Hall*      *L. Ainsworth.*

## Council wide budgets Debbie Hall

Council wide budgets includes central budgets, contingency budgets, and the capital financing budget. Central budgets reflect costs that either relate to the Council as a whole or impact on multiple services. The general contingency is held for unexpected events. Other contingency budgets are held for expected increases in pay and contract inflation, redundancy, and Council company support. The capital financing budget is the cost of financing the capital programme.

Revenue Budget	Pay	Non-Pay	Income	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Central Budgets</b>				
Apprentice levy		448		448
Capital feasibility		200		200
Premature baby leave		20		20
Pension gratuities		70		70
Northgate - risk assessed contingency increase		450		450
Northgate - funded from new income in the service		500		500
Housing Benefit subsidy - temporary accomodation		600		600
Energy and climate change		4,977		4,977
ASC market sustainability and improvement		2,446		2,446
ASC reform & market sustainability		50		50
Council Tax Support Fund		536		536
Council Company Contingency		1,054		1,054
Cross cutting growth		650		650
Cross cutting savings		(2,512)		(2,512)
	-	<b>9,489</b>	-	<b>9,489</b>
<b>Contingency Budgets</b>				
General Contingency		2,912		2,912
Pay and Price Contingency		15,573		15,573
Social Care Contingency		1,000		1,000
	-	<b>19,485</b>	-	<b>19,485</b>
<b>Capital Financing Budget</b>	-	<b>28,334</b>	<b>(5,075)</b>	<b>23,259</b>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>57,308</b>	<b>(5,075)</b>	<b>52,233</b>

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